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**Amendment Accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE)**

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed February 1, 2006, Applicants have filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. This reply is timely if filed within 3 months of the Final Rejection, which is on or before May 1, 2006. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following amendment prior to examination on the merits.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.